(c) what measures are contemplated by Government to step up the export of engineering goods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) There is no decline, Sir. The exports of engineering goods for the period April—September, 1988 are Rs. 635 crores and for the period April—September, 1987 were Rs. 486.75 crores. This represents a growth of 30.45 per cent for the same period in the last year.

(b) Commodity-wise break-up of exports to individual countries during 1987-88 and 1988-89 are not available.

(c) A number of measures have been taken by Government to boost export of engineering goods. These *inter-alia* include liberalisation of licensing procedures and technology import, Cash Compensatory Support, access to raw materials and consumables at international competitive prices, reduction in the interest rates of pre & post shipment credit, interest rebate on new term loans to units which export more than 25 per cent of their production, assistance from export marketing fund for marketing activities abroad, introduction of new blanket exchange permit scheme to facilitate export promotion activities, grant of replenishment licences, duty drawback etc.

Central Laws Enacted for Punjab since President's Rule

897. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Central laws enacted for the State of Punjab since the promulgation of President's Rule in the State in May, 1987;

(b) whether the Committee constituted under the Punjab Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1987 was consulted about any of these Acts;

(c) if not, whether it was not known much before the actual enactment that these Acts would have to enforced by the President in the absence of the State Legislative Assembly; and

(d) if so, what were the reasons for not taking the necessary steps in each of these cases well in advance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Since the Promulgation of President's Rule in Punjab the following acts concerning the State of Punjab have been enacted by the President under the Punjab Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1987:

(i) The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Temporary Supersession) Amendment Act, 1987. (President's Act No. 1 of 1987);

(ii) The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Act, 1987. (President's Act No. 2 of 1987);

(iii) The Punjab Agricultural produce Markets (Amendment) Act, 1987. (President's Act No. 3 of 1987);

(iv) The Punjab Agricultural produce Markets (Second Amendment) Act, 1987. (President's Act No. 4 of 1987);

(v) The Punjab Contingency Fund (Amendment) Act, 1988 (President's Act No. 5 of 1988); and

(vi) The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Temporary Supersession) Amendment Act, 1988 (President's Act No. 8 of 1988).

(b) to (d) The Parliamentary Committee was not consulted on any of the aforesaid Acts in view of the urgency involved.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Environment and Forests

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under section 26 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (Department of Environment, Forests and Wild Life):—

(i) G.S.R. No. 919(E) dated the 12th September, 1988, publishing the Environment (Protection) Second Amendment Rules, 1988.

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(ii) S.O. No. 881(E) dated the 22nd September, 1988, delegating powers vested under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to the State Governments of Jammu and Kashmir and Goa.

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Notifications of the Ministry of Finance

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) (Banking Division), under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970/1980:—

I (i) Notification No. PSB/Staff/DAC/MISC/41, dated the 23rd June, 1988, publishing the Punjab and Sind Bank Officer Employees' (Conduct) Amendment Regulations, 1988.

(ii) Notification No. HRD/G/SR/003/88, dated the 25th June, 1988, publishing the Corporation Bank Officer Employees' (Conduct) Amendment Regulations, 1988.

(iii) Notification No. 1753, dated the 6th August, 1988, publishing the Vijaya Bank Employees' (Conduct) First Amendment Regulations, 1988.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6773/80 for (i) to (iii)]

II. A copy each in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs), under sub-section (5) of section 17A of the General Insurance Business (Nationalisation) Act, 1972, together with explanatory memoranda on the Notifications:—

(i) S.O. No. 780(E), dated the 22nd August, 1988, publishing the General Insurance (Rationalisation and Revision of Pay Scales and other Conditions of Service of Supervisory/Clerical Subordinate Staff) Second Amendment Scheme, 1988.

(ii) S. O. No. 781(E), dated the 22nd August, 1988, publishing the General Insurance (Rationalisation and Revision of Pay Scales and other Conditions of Service of Development Staff) Amendment Scheme, 1988.

(iii) S.O. No. 782(F), dated the 22nd August, 1988, publishing the General Insurance (Rationalisation and Revision of Pay Scales and other Conditions of Service of Officers) Second Amendment Scheme, 1988.

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